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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA DEMARCHE: SYRIA-LEBANON RESOLUTION IN
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Classified By: Ambassador Lino Gutierrez for Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (SBU) PolCouns delivered reftel demarche on May 11 to Minister Jorge Gomez and Minister Maria Raballo of the Office of International Organizations of the Argentine Foreign Ministry. PolCouns reviewed points in reftel with Gomez and Raballo and underscored the importance we place on GoA support of the resolution. Talking points were left as non-paper.

[¶2.](#) (C) Gomez said the GoA fully supported the objectives set forth in resolution 1559. However, he noted that "concern" had been expressed by some Council members over a possible "rewriting" of 1559. He said these concerns had been raised last week when discussions over a possible UNSC presidential statement reconfirming 1559 bogged down. Gomez said the GoA was looking for a consensus position on 1559. He said the GoA would prefer this consensus to be in the form of a statement rather than a new resolution.

[¶3.](#) (C) Comment: The emphasis on "consensus" has become the standard MFA reply on any UNSC issue dealing with the Middle East. The GoA will not stand in the way of a new Lebanon resolution, but at the same time, neither will they be out front in promoting one. End Comment.
GUTIERREZ